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Bill Number	Digest	Author/ Sponsor	Latest Status	Who at DOE Follows
SCR 0004	A Concurrent Resolution encouraging all schools to conduct veterans' ceremony.	Miller	Jan 8, 2008-First reading: referred to Committee on Education and Career Development	Jeff Zaring
SJR 0001	Circuit breakers and other property tax matters. Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to: (1) require the general assembly to exempt a homestead from tax liability that exceeds 1% of the assessed value of the property; (2) permit the general assembly to limit the tax liability of other types of property; (3) permit the general assembly to exempt a mobile home used as a homestead to the same extent as real property; (4) specify that an exemption may be granted in the form of a deduction or credit; and (5) specify that the general assembly may impose reasonable filing requirements to obtain an exemption, deduction, or credit. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.	Kenley	Nov 20, 2007- First reading: referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy Nov 20, 2007- Senator Miller added as second author Nov 20, 2007- Senator Rogers added as third author	Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Bill riley Debbie Hinline

<u>SJR 0003</u>	Limits on school property tax levies. Amends the Constitution of the State of Indiana to prohibit the taxation of property for the support of the common schools, except for costs related to transportation, capital projects, and debt service. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly	Lubbers	Nov 20, 2007- Senator Charbonneau added as coauthor Nov 20, 2007- Senator Hume added as second author	Jeff Zaring Debbie Hineline
<u>SB 0001</u>	Limits on school and child welfare levies. Terminates, beginning January 1, 2010: (1) the medical assistance to wards property tax levy; (2) the family and children's property tax levy; (3) the children's psychiatric residential treatment services property tax levy; (4) the children with special health care needs property tax levy; (5) the maximum permissible tuition support levy; and (6) the county supplemental school financing property tax levy. Makes related changes.	Lubbers	Nov 20, 2007- First reading: referred to Committee on Appropriations Nov 20, 2007- Senators Charbonneau and Mrvan added as coauthors Nov 20, 2007- Senator Hume added as second author	Jeff Zaring Debbie Hineline
<u>SB 0002</u>	School board elections at general election time. Requires that school board members selected by election must be elected at general elections. Repeals obsolete statutes.	Lubbers Merritt Becker Delph Kruse Charbonneau	Jan 8, 2008- First reading: referred to Committee on Local Government and Elections	Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Risa Riegner

<u>SB 0012</u>	<p>Credit for excessive property taxes. Allows a credit for excessive property taxes beginning in 2010 with respect to: (1) homesteads in the amount by which taxes exceed 1% of assessed value; (2) all other residential property in the amount by which taxes exceed 2% of assessed value; and (3) nonresidential real property and personal property in the amount by which taxes exceed 3% of assessed value. Specifies the extent to which land assessments are eligible for a credit. Repeals obsolete provisions. Makes conforming amendments.</p>	<p>Kenley Miller Hume</p>	<p>Nov 20, 2007- First reading: referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy</p> <p>Nov 20, 2007- Senator Miller added as coauthor</p> <p>Nov 20, 2007- Senator Hume added as second author</p>	<p>Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Bill Riley Debbie Hinline</p>
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SB 0013	<p>Standardized public school building plans. Requires the department of education, in cooperation with the building law compliance officer of the department of homeland security, to develop and update standard plans and specifications for the construction of a school building, an athletic facility, or a building relating to the administration of a school corporation. Requires the department to make these plans available to school corporations. Requires a school corporation to acquire standard plans before building a facility and determine whether to use the standard plans. Provides that a school corporation may use nonstandard plans only if the governing body adopts a resolution finding that standard plans do not serve the needs of the school corporation and the community and stating the reasons standard plans do not meet the needs of the school corporation and the community. Requires the county board of tax and capital projects review, the school property tax control board, and the department of local government finance to approve the use of nonstandard plans. Provides that a contract for professional services relating to construction of a facility must provide that any completed plans developed under the contract become the joint property of: (1) the person providing the professional services; (2) the school corporation; and (3) the state; and may be used by the state and any school corporation without payment to the person providing the professional services.</p>	<p>Hershman</p>	<p>Nov 20, 2007- First reading: referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy</p> <p>Nov 20, 2007- Senator Dillon added as second author</p>	<p>Jeff Zaring Bill Riley Debbie Hineline</p>
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<u>SB 0018</u>	<p>Limitations on debt. With respect to bonds payable from property taxes, special benefit taxes, or tax increment revenues, prohibits a local issuing body from: (1) issuing refunding bonds that have a repayment date that is beyond the maximum term of the bonds being refunded; (2) issuing refunding bonds unless the issuing body will realizes a savings; or (3) using savings resulting from refunding bonds or surplus proceeds for any purpose other than to repay bonds or reduce levies. Requires the local issuing body to pay interest and principal on bonds on a schedule that provides for substantially equal installment amounts and regular payment intervals except when: (1) interest for a particular period has been paid from bond proceeds; or (2) the local issuing body determines that an irregular payment schedule is needed so that total payments on all bonds issued by the local issuing body will remain substantially equal. Limits to two years the period for which interest on bonds issued by the state or a local issuing body may be paid from bond proceeds. Limits the maximum term of bonds issued by the state or a local issuing body to 30 years. Provides that a capital project that will cost an amount that is at least equal to 0.5% of the total taxable property within the political subdivision is subject to review by a county board of tax and capital projects review even if the cost of the project is less than \$7,000,000.</p>	<p>Dillon</p>	<p>Nov 20, 2007- First reading: referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy</p> <p>Nov 20, 2007- Senators Walker and Hershman added as coauthors</p> <p>Jan 8, 2008 – Amended in committee to require voter referendums to approve school capital projects. (7-5)</p> <p>Jan 8, 2008 – Passed out of Committee (9-3)</p>	<p>Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Bill Riley Debbie Hinline</p>
<u>SB 0051</u>	<p>Reemployment of retired teachers. Reduces from 90 days to 30 days the waiting period after which a retired member of the state teachers' retirement fund (TRF) may be reemployed in a covered position and continue to receive a retirement benefit.</p>	<p>Weatherwax Landske</p>	<p>Jan 8, 2008- First reading: referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor</p>	<p>Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Shawn Shriver Bill Riley</p>

SB 0058	Time limit for use of higher education grants. Removes the time limit that provides that a student is eligible to receive financial aid grants for not more than ten years from the date a student first receives a grant. Makes corresponding changes to related statutes. Repeals a section concerning a time limit for the use of financial aid awards made to part-time students.	Waltz	Jan 8, 2008- First reading: referred to Committee on Education and Career Development	Linda Warner Jerry Hafner
SB 0072	PERF annuity savings accounts. Allows a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) who: (1) is vested; (2) separates from employment; (3) does not perform service in a covered position for at least 90 days; and (4) is not eligible at separation to receive a retirement benefit; to elect to withdraw the entire amount in the member's annuity savings account. Provides that, unless the member has transferred the creditable service earned in PERF to another governmental retirement plan, a PERF member who elects to withdraw the entire amount in the member's annuity savings account is entitled to receive, when the member becomes eligible to receive a retirement benefit, a benefit equal to the pension provided by employer contributions. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the pension management oversight commission.)	Kruse	Jan - First reading: referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor	Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Bill Riley
SB 0152	Automated external defibrillators in health clubs. Provides that a defibrillator is not required to be located within the premises of certain health clubs. Removes a requirement for a specific cardiopulmonary resuscitation course related to defibrillators in health clubs. Specifies the fire department responsible for inspection of a health club for compliance with defibrillator requirements. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the health finance commission.)	Miller	Jan 8, 2008- First reading: referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services	Phyllis Lewis Kevin McDowell Jeff Zaring

<u>HB 1001</u>	<p>Property tax relief. Replaces elected county assessors with county assessors appointed by the county fiscal body. Eliminates township assessors. Increases the circuit breaker credit for homesteads and certain rental property. Provides an additional 35% supplemental standard deduction for homesteads. Provides an additional homestead credit for 2008. Eliminates state reimbursed homestead credits and property tax replacement credits in 2009. Eliminates: (1) school tuition support levies; (2) school transportation fund levies; (3) county medical assistance to wards fund levies; (4) family and children's fund levies; (5) children's psychiatric residential treatment services fund levies; (6) children with special health care needs county fund levies; (7) the state forestry fund levy; (8) the state fair fund levy; and (9) the department of local government finance data base management levy. Changes the formula for determining the maximum permissible growth in certain levies and eliminates the authority of a county to restrict review of levies, tax rates, and budgets by a county board of tax and capital projects review. Requires a referendum on bond issues and lease agreements payable from property taxes or local income taxes and that cost at least 1% of a political subdivision's total net assessed value or \$10,000,000. Permits a referendum to increase a levy in excess of the amount approved by the county board of tax and capital projects review. Replaces the authority of a county to impose an annual levy growth tax rate, a public safety tax rate, and a property tax replacement tax rate with a single rate not to exceed 1%. Increases the gross retail and use tax to 7%. Establishes the transportation study committee. Makes other changes. Makes appropriations.</p>	<p>Crawford Espich</p>	<p>Nov 20, 2007- Coauthored by Representative(s) Espich</p> <p>Nov 20, 2007- Rules suspended</p> <p>Nov 20, 2007- Roll Call 3: Yeas 94, Nays 5</p> <p>Nov 20, 2007- First reading: referred to Committee on Ways and Means</p>	<p>Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Bill Riley Debbie Hineline Pete Baxter Phyllis Lewis</p>
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HB 1010 HEA 1010	<p>Tax procedures. Authorizes the department of local government finance (DLGF) and local governments to take certain actions related to property taxes first due and payable in 2007. Extends to October 15, 2007, the deadline for filing for the homestead credit and various deductions for taxes first due and payable in 2008. Provides that a taxpayer is not required to have an appraisal of tangible property in order to initiate and prosecute an administrative review of the assessment of the property. Extends to December 31, 2007, the deadline applicable in 2007 for adopting the local option income taxes for freezing levy growth, for public safety, and for property tax relief. Provides that an ordinance to impose such a local option income tax that was adopted after the August 1 deadline for adoption is legalized and validated. Deletes the requirement that, for purposes of calculating a local option income tax rate to freeze levy growth, the DLGF shall round up to the nearest 0.1%. Provides that the additional 2008 homestead credit shall be applied before the application of any local property tax replacement credits or increases in the homestead credit percentage that are funded by the local option income tax for property</p>	<p>Crawford CO-AUTHOR(S) Espich Battles Tyler</p>	<p>SEE PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE MATRIX</p>	<p>Jeff Zaring Kevin McDowell Bill Riley Debbie Hineline</p>
HB 1049	<p>Time limit for use of higher education grants. Removes a stipulation that a student's eligibility for a higher education financial aid award does not extend more than ten years after the date the student's initial award is granted. Repeals a provision concerning the ten year time limit for financial aid awards made to part-time students. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim committee on education matters.)</p>	<p>Porter</p>	<p>Jan 8, 2008- First reading: referred to Committee on Education</p>	<p>Debbie Hineline</p>
HB 1051	<p>School corporation donations to foundations. Permits a school corporation to annually donate not more than \$25,000 to a community foundation if the donation is matched by a private donor. (Current law permits school corporations to make matched donations only to public school endowment corporations.)</p>	<p>Crooks</p>	<p>Jan 8, 2008- First reading: referred to Committee on Education</p>	<p>Debbie Hineline Bill Riley</p>